



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 738	Assembly Amendment 1
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The *current* stalking offense, in part, prohibits intentionally engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person under the same circumstances to fear bodily injury or the death of himself or herself or a member of his or her family or household.

Assembly Bill 738 also prohibits intentionally engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person under the same circumstances to suffer serious emotional distress. “Suffer serious emotional distress” is defined as to feel terrified, intimidated, threatened, harassed, tormented, or alarmed.

Assembly Amendment 1 removes “alarmed” from the definition of “suffer serious emotional distress” so that it means to feel terrified, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or tormented.

The Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 1, on January 21, 2004. On that date, the committee also unanimously voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended.

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